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1. UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF KAZAKOV LETTER TO SKOOG, PROTECTION OF NORTHERN ECOSYSTEMS (02.05.21), FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN QUOTE: DEAR DR. SKOOG: IN REPLY TO YOUR LETTER TO DR. DENISOV CONCERNING THE WORK OF TWO AMERICAN SPECIALISTS AT THE KOLYMA DRAINAGE STATION I SHOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU OF THE FOLLOWING.

3. THE MAIN ADMINISTRATION OF THE HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL SERVICE, WHICH HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS STATION, IS PREPARED TO RECEIVE DR. SANDFORD AND DR. SLAUGHTER, AUGUST 5-19. WE WILL EXPECT THE AMERICAN SCIENTISTS TO ARRIVE IN Khabarovsk FROM NIIGATA VIA JAL FLIGHT 993 AND DEPART VIA JAL FLIGHT 994. THE SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR JOINT WORK: (A) STUDY OF HUMIDITY IN FROZEN SOIL (B) STUDY OF CONDENSED WATER IN STONY AREAS. TO ASSIST IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE JOINT PROJECT IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL FOR THE AMERICAN SCIENTISTS TO BRING WITH THEM MEASURING DEVICES FOR USE IN BOTH (A) AND (B) ABOVE, PROVIDED SUCH EQUIPMENT IS CONVENIENTLY PORTABLE.

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4. I WOULD ASK THAT, IN THE FUTURE, ALL CORRESPONDENCE AND DISCUSSION OF THE TRAVEL OF AMERICAN SCIENTISTS BE DIRECTED TO THE SECRETARIAT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE, WITH A COPY FOR DR. DENISOV, SINCE IT IS THE MAIN ADMINISTRATION OF THE HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL SERVICE WHICH MUST MAKE ALL THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS. RESPECTFULLY, YU. YE. KAZAKOV, END QUOTE.

5. COMMENT: KAZAKOV ELABORATED ON PARA 4 ABOVE IN CONVERSATION AND STRESSED THE ONCONVENIENCE CAUSED BY HIS WORKING GROUP AND PROJECT LEVEL PARTICIPANTS WHO DO NOT KEEP HIM INFORMED OF SUBSTANCE OF DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS EXCHANGES WITH THEIR U.S. COUNTERPARTS. KAZAKOV REITERATED THAT HE STRONGLY PREFERS ALL COMMUNICATIONS BE ROUTED THROUGH SECRETARIAT. SCIOFF TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO REITERATE SIMILAR PREFERENCE OF US SECRETARIAT THAT ALL COMMUNICATIONS BE DIRECTED TO EPA VIA EMBASSY. KAZAKOV AGREED TO REMIND SOVIET PARTICIPANTS THAT THIS WAS PROPER COMMUNICATIONS CHANNEL. END COMMENT.

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